

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment and the following remarks are intended to fully respond to the Office Action dated December 28, 2004. In that Office Action, claims 1-38 were examined. Claims 1-10, 14-22, and 26-35 were rejected and claims 11-13, 23-25, and 36-38 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims. More specifically, claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by King et al. (USPN 6,286,064); claims 9-10, 14-22 and 26-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kivela et al. (USPN 6,052,070); and claims 11-13, 23-25 and 36-38 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Reconsideration of these rejections, as they might apply to the original and amended claims in view of these remarks, is respectfully requested.

In this Response, claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 12, 15, 20, 21, 22, 24-26, 32, 37, and 38 have been amended to include limitations of the allowed claims or correct typographical errors; claims 11, 23, and 36 have been cancelled; and no new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1-10, 12-22, and 24-38 remain present for examination.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by King et al. (USPN 6,286,064). Claims 9-10, 14-22 and 26-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kivela et al. (USPN 6,052,070). Claims 11-13, 23-25 and 36-38 have been objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. As such claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 12, 15, 20, 21, 22, 24-26, 32, 37, and 38 have been rewritten to include all limitations of the allowable claims. Therefore, base claims 1, 9, 15, 20, 26, and 32 along with dependent claims 2-8, 10, 12-14, 16-19, 21-22, 24-25, 27-31, 33-35, and 37-38 are currently allowable according to the Examiner.

Conclusion

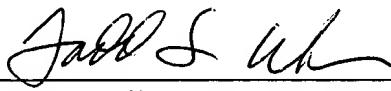
It is believed that no further fees are due with this Response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment with respect to this patent application to deposit account number 13-2725.

In light of the above remarks and amendments, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any additional issues need to be resolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attempt to resolve those issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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